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Notice of Allowability	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner		Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/17/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-9 and 11-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Rajesh Nair on 9/20/2007.

The claims have been amended as follows:

Claim 1: In step (D), change "multidimensional" to "multi-dimensional".

In step (E), change "searching for the at least one item of the plurality of items corresponding to the retrieval criteria; retrieving the at least one item; and displaying information characterizing the retrieved at least one item; " to "searching for the at least one item of the plurality of items corresponding to the retrieval criteria, retrieving the at least one item and displaying information characterizing the retrieved at least one item; ".

Claim 12: Change "at least a portion of the at least one member associated with the at least one project" to "at least a portion of the users assigned to the at least one team associated with the at least one project".

Claim 18: In step (D), change "multidimensional" to "multi-dimensional".

In step (E), change "searching for the at least one item of the plurality of items corresponding to the retrieval criteria; retrieving the at least one item; and displaying information characterizing the retrieved at least one item; " to "searching for the at least one item of the plurality of items corresponding to the retrieval criteria, retrieving the at least one item and displaying information characterizing the retrieved at least one item; ".

In step (K), change "at least one of selecting a project" to "selecting a project".

Claim 19: In step (D), change "multidimensional" to "multi-dimensional".

In step (E), change "searching for the at least one item of the plurality of items corresponding to the retrieval criteria; retrieving the at least one item; and displaying information characterizing the retrieved at least one item; " to "searching for the at least one item of the plurality of items corresponding to the retrieval criteria, retrieving the at least one item and displaying information characterizing the retrieved at least one item; ".

Claim 20: In step (D), change "multidimensional" to "multi-dimensional".

In step (E), change "searching for the at least one item of the plurality of items corresponding to the retrieval criteria; retrieving the at least one item;

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and displaying information characterizing the retrieved at least one item; " to "searching for the at least one item of the plurality of items corresponding to the retrieval criteria, retrieving the at least one item and displaying information characterizing the retrieved at least one item; ".

In step (K), change "at least one of selecting a project" to "selecting a project".

Claim 21: In step (D), change "multidimensional" to "multi-dimensional".

In step (E), change "searching for the at least one item of the plurality of items corresponding to the retrieval criteria; retrieving the at least one item; and displaying information characterizing the retrieved at least one item; " to "searching for the at least one item of the plurality of items corresponding to the retrieval criteria, retrieving the at least one item and displaying information characterizing the retrieved at least one item; ".

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The amendment filed on 7/17/2007 overcomes the 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 rejections of claims 1 – 2, 4 – 9 and 11 – 21.

Fliess reference does not teach the *combination of claimed elements* including “associating each of the individual items with a multi-dimensional tag ... wherein associating the individual items includes at least one of suggesting and automatically assigning values for the activities, people, places, objects and time for the items” combined with other elements. Thus, the prior art neither renders obvious nor anticipates the combination of claimed elements in light of the specification.

After a further search and a thorough examination of the present application, claims 1 – 2, 4 – 9 and 11 – 21 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sangwoo Ahn whose telephone number is (571) 272-5626. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached on (571) 272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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